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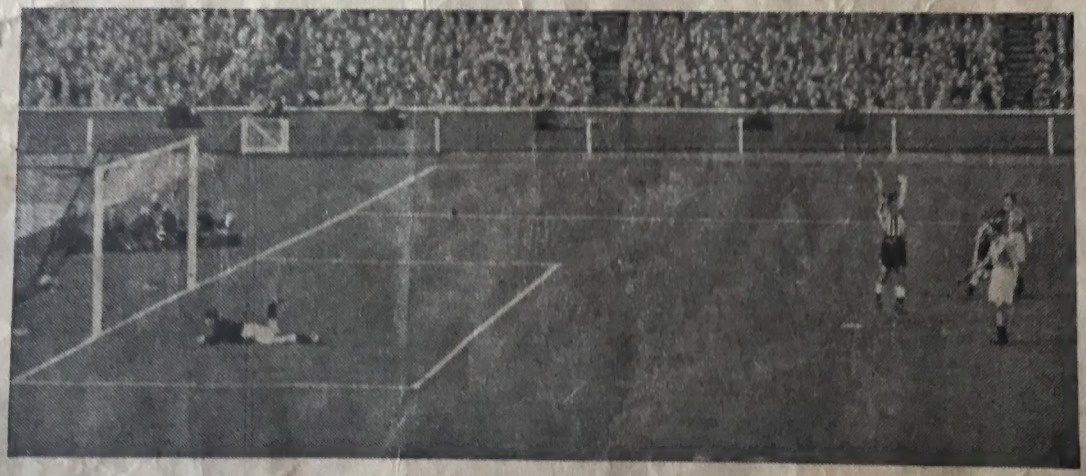

This picture of the 1951 Cup Final at Wembley Stadium between Newcastle United and Blackpool shows Milburn (Newcastle) scoring. It also shows the kind of turf that big games are played on and explains why it is hard to develop a standard of soccer in Victoria comparable with that in England on the surfaces "dished up" by local authorities.

Editorial

All communications re Soccer News must be sent to the Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 42 Nelson Street, Sandringham, S.8, by first post on Monday.

Last Sunday a Lightning Premiership provided a day of fine, exciting football for the local fans. The Juventus team are to be congratulated on their fine performance in winning the competition in addition to the First Division championship.

Yallourn also deserve praise for reaching the Final. It was a very tired team that had to face the long journey home to Gippsland.

Others must not be without their congratulations, in particular the two gentlemen who organised the Lightning Premiership for the V.A.S.F.A.—Messrs. Eric Clarkson and Harry Dodman.

Many other teams deserve a mention. We cannot name all, but I think that the youthful members of one of the South Melbourne United teams and one of the Brighton teams deserve a hand for their fine showing—and also the Yallourn goal-keeper.

Personally, I had a grand day, as did all those I met between the hours of 10.30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Let us have more of these Lightning Premierships.

It is difficult to understand why five clubs should find it necessary to ask for a special general meeting to discuss the question of the appointment of an "A" grade British coach by the V.A.S.F.A. Anyone who has seen such a coach in action is well aware that here in Victoria, although we have many fine players, we have no one capable of passing on his knowledge with the facility of an "A" grade F.A. coach.

The scheme is, of course, an expensive one, but not unreasonably so and a little thought will show that the finances of the V.A.S.F.A. are well able to stand the strain.

For years criticism has been levelled at the controlling body for not taking action to ensure that soccer will continue to be played when the flow of migrants ceases.

Was it just talk? If not, are we being honest with ourselves? The money the V.A.S.F.A. has made and is making is there for the furtherance of soccer by the V.A.S.F.A. (which, by its name, is an amateur body). What better use could it be put to than in employing a man capable of coaching "coaches," as well as able to travel from club to club and from school to school in his ordinary course of duties as coach? This, indeed, would be the way to ensure that the fiasco which occurred at the end of the last soccer boom period will not occur again.

In 1926 soccer in Victoria was booming. In 1939 soccer was on its last legs. With no serious effort to develop the game among the local boys and with the migrant "stars" too old, Association and club officials awoke too late, to see the game dying on its feet.

Soccer in Victoria, through migration, once again is booming. To keep it that way we must have locally born players and to develop them will cost money.

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It's On Again

Once again the Dockerty Cup competition is upon us. Today's first round will, no doubt, bring the customary crop of surprises. Always after the first round we find one or two First Division teams on the outer. Last year a Second Division club — Fairfield (Fifers as they were then) — got as far as the semi-finals.

This year we have a new experience, for we shall have the opportunity of watching no fewer than four clubs from country associations playing for the cup. All these clubs must play their games in Melbourne, and should they get very far they will find it an expensive adventure.

We must all of us wish these country clubs luck in the competition. Three of them are in Melbourne today. They are Morwell from Latrobe Valley Association, Upper Yarra Dam, which belongs to no association but the Victorian one and has played only friendly games so far, and Albury City from the faraway Border District Association. These may turn out to be "dark horses." Next week Pucka Rovers from the Army Camp enter the competition, but they have a bye this week.

To one and all we wish the very best of luck and congratulate them on their temerity in coming to town to take on the cream of the metropolitan clubs in their yard.

Aye, Jock! The referee must have awarded a penalty.

SNOWS *"for men who care what they wear"*

SECRETARY'S NOTES

R.A.A.F. S.C.—All clubs are advised that R.A.A.F. S.C. have withdrawn from the Fourth Division, the Dockerty Cup and Reserve Cup. Fourth Division opponents are requested to claim points. Byes will be awarded to opponents in Cup competitions.

Fairfield S.C.—The new secretary of Fairfield S.C. is Mr. J. L. Ennor, Boat House, Studley Park, Kew, E.4. Telephone: Day, FU 022, Ext. 1114; evening, WA 8707.

Telephoning Results.—Many times this season and in previous seasons clubs have been reminded that their results must be telephoned to the association immediately their matches have been played. In an effort to secure results the council of the V.A.S.F.A. introduced a fining system whereby a club could be fined up to £5 if they failed to honor their obligation. Unfortunately, this season results are not being received as they should be. Almost 40 fines have been sent out ranging from 15/- to £5. It is not a happy situation for the V.A.S.F.A. to reveal the fact that many of their results are received from a Saturday evening newspaper.

Many complaints are received that the Press do not publish all the results. While the present state of affairs continues it is obvious that the Press will not reserve space which is not used. Furthermore, the Broadcasting Stations, which are willing to give soccer publicity, must feel annoyed when they reserve time for results which are not given to them.

After the second round of the Cup ties have been played the draws will be made week by week. If the results are not telephoned immediately chaotic conditions will ensue. It is up to you, "The Clubs." Need I say any more?—S. BEATON, Secretary V.A.S.F.A.

PICKED — COULD NOT PLAY

To play against England at Hampden is every Scot's ambition. Forbes was picked for the last international, but turned out instead for Arsenal in the F.A. Semi-Final. Under F.A. rules an English League club is only bound to release players for England.

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Soccer "Who's Who"—No. 21

IVAN KUKETZ

By V. J. M. DIXON

In Zagreb, Jugoslavia, in the year 1911 there was born one of Victoria's most colorful personalities, the president of the J.U.S.T. Club, Ivan Kuketz.

Ivan played for seven years with the Hajduk team in Zagreb after a short period as a junior with Osijik. In 1936, desiring to improve his knowledge of the English language, he took the job of interpreter with the Orient Line of steamships. Finding himself in Melbourne, Ivan decided to stay, and for six years acted as waiter at Menzies Hotel.

On the outbreak of war Ivan joined the Australian Army, with which he served for seven and a half years. With the coming of peace Ivan opened the dining-room at the Metropole Hotel, which he ran for four years before transferring to the Birmingham Hotel.

During this period Ivan bought a house in Brighton, right across the road from Hurlingham Park. Chancing to see the Brighton team in action, Ivan felt the call of his old love, and it was not long before he was on the committee of the Brighton club.

For two years Ivan remained with the seasiders, and during his term there brought the first Jugoslav players to that club, i.e., Ristic and Dobric. The latter was later to become captain of the J.U.S.T. team.

The form of these two players caught the public eye at once, but they themselves got to work to persuade Ivan to form a Jugoslav soccer club. This he did in the next season—1950—and so the J.U.S.T. club was born, with Ivan Kuketz as first president. Knowing that Dobric and Ristic had played all over Europe with other Jugoslav players, who were now spread throughout the different States of Australia, Ivan made inquiries and induced the Immigration Department to allow all these players to come to Melbourne. Ivan in most cases found them employment.

In this way several players later became famous in Victorian soccer. Interstate players included Zakomarok, Caldarevis, Dugina, and others reached Melbourne. In fact it is no idle statement to say that Ivan Kuketz is the reason for J.U.S.T. being the club it is today. The members of the club themselves are the first to give credit to this great sportsman who has spent an enormous amount of time and gone to a very considerable expense to build up this fine club. After climbing through the Third and Second Divisions unbeaten, J.U.S.T. is well among the leaders of Division I this year, and has only recently been beaten in a League game for the first time in three years.

Today we do not see so much of Ivan Kuketz as we used to, for it is as "mine host" of the Maroondah Lake Hotel that he spends most of his time. However, whenever the J.U.S.T. team has a tough game on Ivan can be relied on to tear himself away from the wilds of Healesville and can be found on the touch-line watching the club that he created and arguing their merits with the best.

Ivan's efforts have done much to improve the standard of soccer in Victoria. It is well that one and all should realise that.

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DISGUISE

Stan Seymour, Newcastle chief, who was in the first F.A. Professional team to Australia, checked the form of his team's cup opponents by watching from the terraces and wearing his special disguise, an old goalkeeper's cap reserved for such escapades.

Letter to the Editor

Readers are invited to send along queries, suggestions, etc., to the Editor. All will be given appropriate consideration.

Sir,—The V.A.S.F.A. is certainly on the right track in getting an experienced coach from the United Kingdom. It is to be hoped that when and if he has a coaching class here, he impresses on our fellows to concentrate on the young schoolboys and give youth the proper ideas before they become infected with the wrong ones so difficult to eradicate.

The other day I had a talk with one of the top players in Victoria and no mean coach himself. This skilful player is in full agreement with the coaching idea, but maintains instruction should be given to the teen-ager.

"From my experience," he said, "little good can be achieved by concentrating on players in their twenties. By that time they have formed habits from which they cannot escape."

I have found out at training you can spend an hour and more showing an experienced player his faults and end up satisfied that he has forgotten them, but in actual play you discover that you may as well have talked to a brick wall. Getting them young means the right thing becomes instinctive.

I think also that many clubs must share the burden of responsibility for the existing poor standard of play. Training is slack, and far removed from what it should be. A 100 per cent. fit player runs less risk of injury. Of the games I have seen this season, there is only one team really fighting fit to last the full 90 minutes. Need I say who they are?—Yours, etc.,

JIM GRANT.

World Cup—Sunday, August 10, 1952

Jugoslavia v. Israel, 2.15 p.m., Olympic Park.
Italy v. Holland, 3.30 p.m., Olympic Park.
Poland v. Ireland, 2.30 p.m., Royal Park.

LEAGUE

Scotland v. England, Middle Park.
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HOME *and* AWAY

By REX BENSON

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MARCHING ORDERS

The captain of the Sydney Austral team sent off one of his men a few weeks ago for starting an argument over the taking of a free kick. Many argued that he was usurping the powers of the referee. I do not think so.

EVERYBODY SCORED!

When Preston North End beat Hyde, 26-0, in 1887 (A cup-tie), everybody on the side scored, including the goalkeeper, who came up to the forward line.

ONE UP TO THE WEST

There was a soccer broadcast recently of an entire league match in Western Australia, so it is not a Cinderella game over there.

GESTURE FROM JUVENTUS

A party from Juventus visited the Brighton smoking concert to wish the team luck in the Dockerty Cup. Needless to say they were greeted with shouts of "JUVE!"

NO GLASSES FOR REFEREES

Referees and linesmen in England who are forced to wear glasses are classified Grade III and may handle only youth matches.

WRONG AGAIN

A gentleman who saw Cardiff City win the F.A. Cup in 1927 writes that the centre-forward, Ferguson, scored the goal, and not a half-back, as I stated. Records show him to be correct. It was a long, slow shot from an angle, that the Arsenal 'keeper fumbled into the net after 73 minutes of play.

WALES AT WEMBLEY

As expected, Wales are at last to meet England at Wembley, on November 12. All previous games have been played in the provinces, but this should ensure a 100,000 gate.

DEARER FOOTBALL IN ENGLAND

Minimum charge for League games in England has been raised from 1/6 to 1/9. The players received no advance on their maximum wage of £14 per week. Games may continue to be broadcast provided the B.B.C. does not announce the match in advance.

U.S. SIDE CRASH IN SCOTLAND

The U.S. Amateur side played Scotland en route to Helsinki, and attracted over 107,000 to Hampden. They crashed 6-0 in a one-sided game.

FRANK PARSONS

Frank Parsons, the N.S.W. centre-forward, who caused such a sensation at the Interstate Carnival, is no longer filling the centre-forward position for his club, Leichhardt-Annandale. Whether this is the result of his Melbourne activities or not we do not know, but a few weeks ago Frank was in Newcastle standing on the touch-line at the Adamstown v. Wallsend game.

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Great Moments—1

By GEORGE McIVOR

Was it 1947? Someone can correct me. The scene set in the classic slopes of Hampden Park. Twenty-three straining, toiling men of science trained to an ounce. The white-jerseyed, black-shorted might of mighty England had failed for once to make an impression after 89 gruelling minutes on the dour, blue-shirted, dribbling, dancing Scots. No quarter, no let-up, no goals. Backwards and forwards went the onslaught of forwards. Time and again, half-backs, with the energy of Titans, turned defence into attack. The last lines held. Suddenly a bald-pated, blue-jersey fastened on to a loose ball, ran with it, passed to his winger and ran on toward goal. Thirty seconds to go. The ball came back into a square yard of open space in front of goal. The blue jersey collected again, swung a foot and the English net bulged to prelude the deafening Hampden roar. The full-time whistle went unheard, as Scot and Englishman thundered applause. Jimmy Delany, the green stick of football, had scored for Scotland.

Coming home in the train we were passing a cemetery. The singing silenced long enough for a jubilant Scottish supporter to say, "Aw! whitna place tae be on a day like this."

HUDDERSFIELD PROTEST

Huddersfield protested against the goal that gave the Spurs victory against them in London. It was alleged that the Spurs' winger took a corner kick, struck the referee with the ball, and then centred from the rebound, a goal ensuing. Law 17 states a player taking a corner kick must not take a second kick at the ball until another player has touched it.

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Tommy Trinder Tricked

By REX BENSON

One of the keenest watchers at the Soccer Carnival recently was Tommy Trinder, the well-known English entertainer and director of Fulham F.C. Tommy reckons that he practically owns the club, and has ulcers to prove it! He infects everyone with his love for the game, and those who were fortunate enough to attend the official dinner will remember his remarks about the game, both serious and otherwise. It is not usual for a front-line stage figure to come down "among the crowd" and act as a guest commentator, as Tommy did at Toorak Park. (I do not mention him as just "Trinder": he thinks that any Australian who does that is an "urger.)

Here is a story about him that has its humorous side, yet nearly had serious repercussions. Early in 1948, Fulham, then in the Second Division, as they now are again, had successfully negotiated the third round of the F.A. Cup, and being due to play Bristol Rovers at home in the next round, went to the seaside for a week's brace-up. On leaving the hotel at the end of the stay, right-winger Stevens took Tommy's coat by mistake. The error was soon rectified, the owner jocularly remarking, "You can have it Arthur, if you score three goals on Saturday." The remark passed, but just before the game Stevens was switched to centre-forward, with Bob Thomas on the wing. It was a wet day, and he scored three goals. After the final one he could be seen waving to the "cottage," where sat the directors in state, and soon afterwards Tommy Trinder was noticed waving his coat. Unfortunately the crowd now all knew of the bet, and one Sunday paper had the headline, "Stevens does the coat-trick." The Football League heard of this and Tommy received an official communication from Secretary Tommy Howarth with a "please explain," why, as a director, he had offered a player an illegal inducement. The reply was received that owing to the owner's athletic build, the coat would not possibly fit Stevens! More cannot, he said, but Tommy was seen never to wear the coat again, and the player must have purchased an identical one at the same time! So Stevens must have been one of "You Lucky People."

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Around the Clubs

FRANKSTON

In a very thrilling match Frankston last Saturday drew with Maccabi, 3-3, at Frankston. Play was very even for the first twenty minutes, with both sides attacking in turn. During this period an open goal was missed by Frankston. The first goal was scored after 30 minutes' play from a penalty, which was well placed into the corner of the net by P. Ims. At half-time the score was Frankston, 1; Maccabi, nil.

The second half was not many minutes old when J. Eliams scored No. 2 for Frankston with a right-footed shot, and gave the goal-keeper no chance at all. This goal seemed to shake Maccabi, but they recovered and went all out to score. This they accomplished after fifteen minutes. However, back came Frankston to score their third goal with a glorious shot by G. Morgan. Play was still very even, although during this half Maccabi were decidedly faster on the ball. Then came the climax to a very thrilling game when Maccabi scored two goals (both had an element of luck about them) within three minutes to equalise and save a point.

Thanks for the game, Maccabi! All the spectators went away well satisfied although, of ecurse, disappointed at the result. I might add that the crowd at this match was the largest seen at Frankston since soccer began. On this form Maccabi well deserve their lead in the League, and we will be the first to congratulate them if they gain promotion.

I might add that the referee did a lot towards making the game enjoyable.

INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER

The home side was certainly not disgraced last Saturday when defeated 3-2 by Melbourne Hakoah.

At the kick off, both teams played fast, accurate football. The red and whites opened the score when Hakoah handled. Halliwell took the spot kick which rebounded off the goalkeeper; however, Tomacek first timed and found the net. Hakoah evened the score a few minutes later, then Halliwell scored the second for the home side. Half-time score was 2-1.

In the second half the Harvester team was feeling the strain, and the four cripples, who weren't going to play until they saw there were no reserves, began to show they weren't their usual selves. Hakoah scored another two, rather lucky goals, both mishandled by the goalkeeper, which made the score to 3-2 in Hakoah's favour.

It was a great final and thanks to Hakoah for a splendid game. Our team will be in the forefront in this year's Dockerty Cup and with a little luck, we could easily be filling it in Geelong.

Next season our ambition is to finish on top of the ladder and to be promoted to the First Division — and we can do it.—J. W. SEATER.

MACCABI

Frankston soccer supporters had a chance to watch a thrilling soccer game. Two leading teams with fast and terrific play reached a draw, 3-3.

The half-time score was 1-0 for Frankston from a penalty. In the second half Frankston scored twice and were leading, 3-1, fifteen minutes from the end of the game. The Maccabi team then showed that it is not an accident to be leading the Fourth Division. Two goals were scored in 5 minutes' time. Maccabi's goal-kickers were Gold (2), Jakubowicz.

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SOUTH YARRA

Yallourn opened the scoring when Morrison cut in from the right wing and gave Bourdrie no chance from point blank range. Yarra were not long equalizing through Diment. Gregg obtained Yarra's next two goals before half-time. After the interval Saxelby scored again for Yallourn, but Gregg, playing a good game at centre-forward for the home team, quickly notched two more goals. Richmond got the visitors' third goal just before the final whistle.

Yarra First team brought back a well-earned point from Yallourn. Heard from a little bird that just before Maurie Payne scored from a penalty all Yarra players were offering up fervent prayers.

All South Yarra players and supporters, please keep this date marked on your calendars.—(October 17) for South Yarra's Annual Cabaret Ball. and obtain your tickets early to avoid disappointment.—BILL BINYON.

UPPER YARRA DAM

Once again our guests were the Victoria Police club, who made the trip despite the fact that they were three men short. Should U.Y.D. make any progress in the Dockerty Cup we shall owe a lot of our success to this club of true sportsmen, for they have never hesitated to turn out against us regardless of team strength or weather conditions.

Whilst on the subject of bouquet throwing, may I give the thanks of the club to our unofficial, but very keen referee, Pat Hannah Many thanks Pat.

Mentioned in Soccer News a few weeks ago was a note on the intention to hold a country week of soccer in Melbourne in the near future. Perhaps I should have said one day of country soccer. Has any progress been made in this direction? How would a country team go against a combined city eleven?

Today is our big day, our game with Moreland in the first round of the Dockerty Cup, and we are confident of giving a good account of ourselves. Should we win, you can have that extension Pat.—T. DAVIS, hon. sec.

WILLIAMSTOWN

Williamstown had an easy victory over Olympic. The score was 10-1. Olympic scored their only goal in the first minute of play. After that the "Willy" attack got going. Scorers were Mason (3), Wilde (2), Sweeney (2), Hall, Wing and Hadlan. Best for "Willy" were Allan, Mason and Vandegrappe.

In the Lightning Premiership both our teams were put out in their first matches.—DAN MOORE.

Tale of Woe

By REX BENSON

In case some of you think you have been very unlucky during a game, here is the tale of Norman Wood, who played inside-left for Stockport County on their own ground against Fulham in 1913. Instead of a cup it would be better to say his bucket of bitterness was filled to overflowing.

Just after the start he headed through his own goal following a corner, and a few minutes later handled in the "box," from which resultant penalty Fulham scored. Norman steered clear of further trouble for only about 10 minutes, when called upon to take a penalty. Need I add that he missed it! And all this before his own supporters, but I have no record as to whether he came out for the second half.

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Border District Association

WODONGA TOO GOOD FOR ALBURY BLACKS

At Alexander Park, Wodonga proved too strong for Albury Blacks, beating them 6-0.

Play in the first half was very even, but Blacks' forwards let them down. In the second half Wodonga took charge and ran home easy winners.

Rinvenuto and Rodhouse were a tower of strength for Blacks in defence.

BANDIANA v. ALBURY CITY

At Bandiana, Albury City continued on its winning way by beating the locals, 5-2. Play was very hard throughout, with not quarter given and none taken.

Woolford, Pearce and McCrone were good in defence for Bandiana, while Krieger, Tolic and Riling were City's best players.

MT. BEAUTY UNITED v. BANDIANA REDS

At Mt. Beauty, Mt. Beauty United beat Bandiana Reds, 4-0. Play was of a good standard. Should Reds keep up this kind of football it should not be long before they register major points.

BANDIANA DEFEAT COBRAM

Cobram visited Bandiana and in a friendly game Bandiana won, 5-1. Bandiana forwards with good football swung the ball about well, whereas Cobram forwards lost many opportunities with too much dribbling. The second teams provided an even contest, Bandiana scoring 2-1.

Peninsula Soccer Association

MORNINGTON

Last Saturday Mornington & red Rosebud for the fourth time at Mornington. The game resulted in a draw 2-2. It is the first drawn game in the P.S.A., and it was full of excitement and thrills. The crowd watching certainly had their money's worth. Play was even all the way through, and was fast and never at any time slackened. Every goal was well earned. Both goal-keepers made wonderful saves. They were good. Everybody was good. There is no doubt that good soccer football can be seen on the Peninsula. The goal-kickers for Mornington were McCarthy and Lambert, and for Rosebud Ockinshaw and Harford.—V. E. LOCKWOOD.

FRANKSTON

Frankston P.S.A. team defeated Army Apprentices "B," 12.0, in a very one-sided game at Mornington.

Border District

(As at August 3, 1952)

Albury City	10	8	2	0	31	7	18
Wodonga	10	5	2	3	23	11	12
Mt. Beauty United	10	5	2	3	28	23	12
Bandiana	10	4	0	6	25	26	8
Albury Blacks	2	0	1	1	1	7	1
Bandiana Reds	2	0	0	2	1	15	0

Peninsula Association

(As at August 2, 1952)

Army Appren. "A"	7	7	0	0	33	10	14
Rosebud	11	6	4	1	51	28	13
Mornington	9	5	3	1	46	19	11
Frankston	9	3	6	0	36	27	6
Army Appren. "B"	8	0	8	0	3	85	0

Note: Army Signals are not in the league this season.

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The World Knows It As—Football

By V. J. M. DIXON, Director of School Soccer

This week, if you have read the daily papers, you must have noticed the references to soccer played at the Olympic Games at Helsinki. It is not so much as soccer, however, that our game is known. Football is its name and with the feet it is played.

The origin of the word soccer is not too well known, but it came about in this way. For very many years, many centuries in fact, football has been played in England, and it was football of the soccer variety. One day in the last century some unmannerly fellow at the famous English public school—Rugby—picked up the ball and carried it. So rugby football was born and for a nickname it was called rugger. Football, which was controlled in England by the F.A. (Football Association), adopted the nickname soccer from the first two syllables of the word association. But still in England, when football is mentioned, it is soccer that is referred to. Our Scottish friends spell it the same way as we do, but just to prove that they are different, they call it "fitba." From England and Scotland football has spread all over the world until white men, black men and yellow men, and red men all play football. All use the same rules, play with a round ball, and even in foreign languages terms like "off-side" and "corner" have been adopted with football and added to the language.

It is because football is so universally popular that it is played at the Olympic Games, and it was found at the last Games at Wembley that the greatest draw-card and crowd pleaser was always football.

Last week you will have seen that Russia just managed to beat Bulgaria in the first game played at the Olympiad. All European countries enter for the Olympic game, football. The strongest apart from the British Isles are Sweden, Italy, France and Austria. England is rightly regarded as the major football country, yet it is not England which has twice won the football at the Olympic Games. That honor falls to one of the world's smallest countries on a population basis. Tiny Uruguay, a small South

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American republic, with a population under two million, has twice beaten the cream of the world's amateur players at the Games, and has also twice won the World Cup for professional players.

With the growth of football throughout Australia, we expect that our country will play in the Olympic Games soccer in Melbourne in 1956. Boys who are in the Under 17 and 19 groups now will be old enough for selection for Australia in 1956, but they will have no chance unless they practise constantly. Practice is essential to become a great player.

That Victorian juniors are equal to Australia's best has been proved by Angus Drennen, Jack Wilson and Ross McKenzie. All of them learned their football with Victorian junior teams and have played for Australia. Jack Wilson toured South Africa, and Angus Drennen was with Australian sides in New Zealand and New Caledonia.

There is no limit to the future of boys in soccer. They can play anywhere in the world, in more countries than players of any other game, including tennis and cricket. So don't forget, boys, to take notice of our coaches, to watch the best players at work, and, most important, to practise! practise! practise!

Junior Association Notes

Brighton has won the Under 19 Premiership of the Junior Association from Juventus. Both teams are to be congratulated for a very fine performance, particularly the premier team. They only dropped two points with two drawn games during the season. They were the only undefeated team in the Junior competitions. In addition to two drawn games, Juventus were defeated twice, both times only by a single goal.

In the Under 17 competition, Brighton "A" lost their leading position last Saturday after they were defeated by the third top team, Sunshine United. Sunshine United could win this Division on goal average. At the present time the result of the game against Coburg on July 26 is not to hand. This result is vital to their premiership prospects.

Brighton "A" are again in the picture in the Under 15 Division. They have won the premiership. Sunshine City, who have a game in hand, look like being runners-up, a point behind the winners. South Melbourne United should finish third only another point behind again. Congratulations to all these teams.

Coburg "A" appear safe for the Schoolboy Divisional Premiership. With two games in hand they should finish a point in front of Sunshine City which has completed its fixtures.

PENINSULA JUNIOR SECTION

Mornington State school last Friday played its first match against a team from the Convent and won, 1-0. The State school is coached by Mr. Pickering and the Convent by Mr. Shipley.

SOUTH MELBOURNE TECHNICAL SCHOOL

In the first round of the knock-out competition, Prahran, with improved forward work, defeated South by 3 goals to 1. For Prahran, Moor and Seedy scored one each. The other was forced through from one of Moor's corner kicks. South's goal scorer was Hathaway from a free. Prahran failed to convert a penalty—tut! tut!

South were not disgraced. Prahran's solid defence will be hard for any team to penetrate. The throw-ins of a Prahran half-back were good, although his run could be shortened. South half-backs will have to learn to pass, considering that metropolitan representative winger (under 14) Lamont had about two kicks.

Westwood, of South Melbourne, one of the smallest and gamest players in the competition, left the field with a severely sprained ankle.

Thanks, Prahran, for providing two competent linesmen. — W. BRADSHAW.

SOUTH MELBOURNE UNITED UNDER 15 TEAM

A scoreless draw resulted in what was the match of the year in the Under 15 grade last Saturday. This was between South Melbourne United and Brighton "A." It would be hard to pick the best players as they all played particularly good football. The defenders in particular were outstanding, the goal-keepers being an asset to their teams. Both Mannering (South Melbourne) and Brett-Young (Brighton) were contenders for the custodianship in the metropolitan team to play against Central Gippsland later in the season. Both teams had regular players absent, Tindal not being available for Brighton, while Robinson and McLean (captain), of South Melbourne, were on the sick list. Their places were very capably filled, South Melbourne using Clauscen from the Under 14 team, and Foster, a reserve.

SUNSHINE UNITED v. BRIGHTON UNDER 17.

Junior history was made last Saturday when a band of 22 pipers was in attendance at a junior match between Sunshine United and Brighton. It was the main match of the day, taking the place of the seniors, kicking off at 2.45. The match was one of endurance, every player on both sides giving their utmost. At times Brighton was brilliant and looked like running out winners. However, when United took the lead from a penalty kick, the Seasiders became over-anxious and United, with good positional play, became their masters. Brighton was unable to counter the strong spoiling tactics of Netherick at centre-half, who was well supported by his wing-halves. United ran out winners, 3-1. Brighton boys played a good sporting game throughout. — BILL BOWMAN.

STATE SCHOOL SOCCER

Last week Brighton Beach State school defeated Sandringham East State school by one goal to nil on Sandringham City's ground. As far as we know this was the first Inter-State school soccer game played in Victoria. Yesterday, Fairfield State school played Fairfield (North) State school on the Fairfield soccer club's ground. Result was not to hand when we went to Press.

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LEAGUE TABLES AS AT AUGUST 2, 1952

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Juventus	17	12	5	0	60	19	29
Brighton	18	11	5	2	58	36	27
J.U.S.T.	16	9	5	2	60	27	23
Box Hill	18	9	4	5	50	33	22
Yallourn	16	6	3	7	34	34	15
Prahran	18	6	3	9	37	59	15
Park Rangers	18	6	2	10	35	46	14
South Yarra	18	2	7	9	19	44	11
Footscray City	17	2	5	10	21	47	9
Sunshine United	18	3	3	12	24	53	9

Second Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Moreland	17	16	0	1	103	22	32
Melb. Hakoah	18	16	0	2	92	29	32
Int. Harvester	18	9	1	8	29	46	19
Sandringham City	18	8	2	8	51	46	18
Preston	16	8	1	7	37	29	17
Sunshine City	18	6	2	10	33	48	14
F.N.D.	18	6	2	10	24	60	14
South Melb. United	18	6	0	12	37	45	12
George Cross	17	6	0	11	24	55	12
Coburg United	18	3	0	15	28	78	6

Third Division

Polonia	18	18	0	0	89	8	36
Ulsterville	17	11	1	5	57	27	23
Moorabbin City	18	10	3	5	41	24	23
Fairfield	18	11	0	7	43	38	22
White Eagles	15	8	4	3	48	24	20
Williamstown	18	9	2	7	35	30	20

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
University	17	5	3	9	30	52	13
Woodlands	16	3	0	13	10	53	6
Royal Caledonians	18	2	1	15	17	64	5
Olympic	17	1	2	14	13	63	4

Woodlands v. White Eagles, result not telephoned.

Fourth Division

Maccabi	16	13	1	2	74	26	27
Dandenong Rovers	16	12	1	3	68	26	25
Frankston	16	11	2	3	77	22	24
Maribyrnong	15	10	1	4	45	32	21
Slavia	15	10	0	5	40	27	20
Apollo	15	9	1	5	37	31	19
Ringwood	16	4	2	10	30	38	10
Vic. Police	16	4	2	10	29	66	10
R.A.A.F.	16	3	1	12	16	53	7
Union Jack	16	3	0	13	18	83	6
Heidelberg	17	2	1	14	16	56	5

RESERVE LEAGUE TABLES AS AT AUGUST 2, 1952

First Division

Juventus	18	14	3	1	66	24	31
Park Rangers	18	11	3	4	76	27	25
Yallourn	17	10	2	5	49	31	22
Brighton	18	9	2	7	70	36	20
Prahran	17	9	2	6	50	52	20
South Yarra	17	7	4	7	48	37	18
Box Hill	17	7	3	8	50	34	17
Footscray City	18	5	1	12	30	53	11
Sunshine United	17	4	0	13	30	80	8
J.U.S.T.	15	0	0	15	7	102	0

Second Division

Moreland	17	16	1	0	71	10	33
Hakoah	17	13	1	3	66	17	27
Sunshine City	18	10	2	6	49	31	22
South Melbourne	17	10	1	6	46	30	21
Preston	18	7	4	7	29	43	18
F.N.D.	18	6	3	9	21	31	15
Coburg	18	5	2	11	18	48	12
Int. Harvester	17	3	3	11	19	47	9
Sandringham City	17	2	1	14	16	63	5

Juventus won First Division Reserve League. Moreland won Second Division Reserve League.

JUNIOR LEAGUE TABLES AS AT AUGUST 2, 1952

Under 19 Division

Brighton	16	14	2	0	59	7	30
Juventus	15	11	2	2	45	6	24
Box Hill	13	8	2	3	36	14	18
South Melb. United.	16	8	2	6	39	21	18
Northcote	16	7	1	8	22	34	15
Sandringham City	13	4	2	7	22	26	10
Preston	16	4	1	11	24	46	9
Moorabbin City	16	4	0	12	19	49	8
Maccabi	13	1	0	12	7	70	2

Under 17 Division

Sunshine City	16	12	2	2	55	20	26
Brighton "A"	15	12	1	3	58	17	25
Sunshine United	15	11	2	2	89	16	24
South Melb. United	15	9	2	4	27	22	20
Polonia	13	8	2	3	50	13	18
Brighton "B"	15	8	0	7	34	45	16
Hakoah	15	6	3	6	26	22	15
Coburg	13	6	1	6	38	17	13
Sandringham City	15	5	0	10	11	78	10
Preston	12	3	1	8	5	39	7
Box Hill	14	1	3	10	10	54	5
Frankston	15	2	1	12	6	66	5

Under 15 Division

Brighton "A"	17	15	1	1	59	10	31
South Melb. United	18	13	3	2	58	7	29
Sunshine City	17	13	2	2	113	11	28
Northcote	18	10	4	4	53	22	24
Prahran	17	13	1	3	70	11	21.
Moorabbin City	18	7	3	8	48	43	17
Sunshine United	18	7	1	10	59	36	15
Preston	17	4	3	10	26	43	11
Box Hill	18	5	1	12	24	64	11
Sandringham City	17	4	2	11	28	47	10
Park Rangers	17	2	1	14	9	89	5
Brighton "B"	18	1	0	17	2	166	2

Under 14 Division

Sunshine City	17	15	0	2	145	10	30
Coburg "A"	15	13	1	1	82	9	27
Brighton	16	11	1	4	103	16	23
South Melb. United	16	9	0	7	78	33	18
Box Hill "A"	15	8	1	6	63	37	17
Moorabbin City "A"	15	6	1	8	49	77	13
Coburg "B"	15	4	0	11	8	107	8
Essendon	6	2	0	4	10	13	4
Moorabbin City "B"	7	1	1	5	6	50	3
Box Hill "B"	15	1	1	13	13	141	3

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